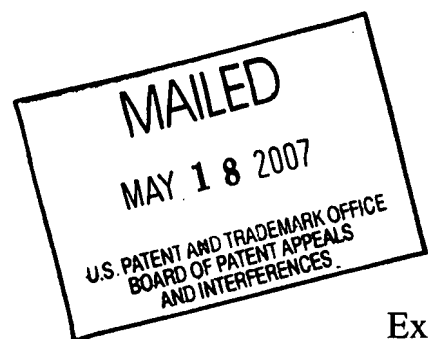


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 19, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellants filed a "RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF" on November 22, 2006. However, there is no indication that the Examiner considered the Appeal Brief filed November 22, 2006.

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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being electronically returned to the

Examiner:

1) for consideration and proper response of the Appeal Brief filed November 22, 2006; and,

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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